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1. [] Representative Jamie Whitten (D., Miss.) breakfasted with the Director, Messrs. Colby, Houston and Maury. Mr. Whitten's main interest was in community matters rather than the inner workings of the Agency, and this he discussed at some length with the Director. In a later meeting with Messrs. Karamessines, Proctor and Steininger he pursued, primarily with Mr. Proctor, questions relating to duplication, waste and extravagance in the collection and processing of raw intelligence. His main concern was whether we weren't spending large sums and devoting substantial manpower to the collection of information of marginal value in view of the necessity to cut our foreign commitments. His criticisms and suspicions seemed focused mainly on the Defense agencies rather than CIA.

In driving back to his office, I showed Mr. Whitten copies of the President's letter to the Director of 1 November 1971, and his memo to members of the community of 5 November 1971, regarding the reorganization of the intelligence community. Mr. Whitten commented that the measures outlined were long overdue and highly commendable.

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2. [] Talked to Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, and explained our meeting with Representative Whitten. I told Preston Whitten had mentioned receiving information, sometimes from anonymous sources, regarding waste, duplication and bungling within the intelligence community. I asked Preston if he could provide us with details regarding any such cases which he thought deserved attention. He said he would be glad to do so, but indicated that some of these complaints were from disgruntled individuals and hardly deserved serious attention.

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3. [] Messrs. Maury and [] met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who said that his time and Committee efforts from now until the 22nd and 23rd of February will be devoted to preparation for Mr. Laird's appearance. As for the meeting of the Special Subcommittee with the Director concerning the intelligence community, Mr. Preston feels that in all probability it cannot be scheduled before the week of 6 March. He apologized that until Mr. Laird has made his appearance before the Committee, there will be no time for special meetings with Agency representatives.

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5. [REDACTED] Picked up a copy of an article on heroin traffic from the March issue of the publication Earth from Miss Amelia Graves, Senator Symington's (D., Mo.) secretary, as a followup to the Senator's earlier conversation with the Director.

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6. [REDACTED] Delivered to Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, a transcript of the Director's testimony of 3 February 1972 before the Defense Subcommittee for review by Representative Jamie Whitten (D., Miss.). Later in the day, Mr. Preston told me that Representative Whitten had not completed the review and that Mr. Preston will hold the transcript in his own safe.

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7. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that he plans to meet with the Chairman during the day on the question of a transcript of tomorrow's meeting. Pending this meeting, Mr. Slatinshek said we should plan that a reporter will be present. He noted that under the present rules of the House any member is free to inspect the transcript at a later date and, in consequence, the Director should be advised to go off the record wherever he feels there is any sensitivity involved in his response to questions. He also asked when he will receive a copy of the Director's notes. I told him I thought they would be ready late in the day. Mr. Slatinshek noted, in passing, that he was awaiting a White House call to arrange for an appearance by Mr. George Shultz, of OMB, before the Nedzi Subcommittee on the question of the reorganization of the intelligence community.

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8. [REDACTED] Ran into Mr. Al Westphal, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, in the corridor of the Capitol. He told me that the time is getting short with Congress starting in recess this week for Lincoln's birthday for consideration by the conferees of S. 18, the Radios bill. He will call me as soon as he has any word.

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